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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were trending higher when compared to last week's trading. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm, mostly steady. Demand was mixed, mostly fair to moderate. Supplies were generally sufficient to well cleared. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts were adequate to available, with the balance of items in good balance to light. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range of light to heavy.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/11-09/15/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	53.50-55.00	53.97	16	57.73	34
Chicago	49.00-54.00	52.89	48	55.03	85
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	61.13	28
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.32	14
Denver	66.50	66.40	17	64.86	35
Detroit	50.50-55.00	51.53	18	56.61	49
Los Angeles	67.00	66.03	56	60.66	191
New York	50.00-53.00	51.96	27	56.48	62
Philadelphia	50.00-52.00	50.63	8	52.84	22
Pittsburgh	50.00-53.00	51.20	10	57.40	60
St. Louis	52.50-52.75	52.30	20	55.05	50
San Francisco	67.50	67.30	25	67.79	55

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	09/11/00	Change/Last Wk	09/04/00	09/13/99
685	58.38	0.04	58.34	57.83

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	56.00-66.50	60.05	41
Central	54.00-61.00	58.93	67
West	59.00-68.25	62.55	52

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.50-63.00	62.21	84
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG LOADS RANGE FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
1,176	49.00-62.75	59.91
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:		
ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	171.50	4,465
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,675
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.00	795
LEG QUARTERS	27.00	8,835
WINGS	58.50	3,024

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Weekend trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to fairly good, and continued at least moderate entering the week. Offerings of the 3 lb. sizes were well balanced, however, the 2.5 and 4 lb. birds were generally sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was about moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were irregular, and ranged adequate to short at times. Wings were no more than adequate to closely cleared, and the balance of items were usually sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was fully steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best for retail features and fast food activity. Supplies of most items were in close balance and clearing well. In the parts structure, breast items were in good balance. The remaining items were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent higher than last week. The market tone was firm. Offerings in fair balance. Retailer demand improved by stores where features planned, elsewhere just fair. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was firm on white meat items with dark meat items generally steady. Reported parts trading for delivery into California: leg quarters bulk 30-32 and 4/10s 29.5-30.5, bone-in breasts 84-89 and boneless breasts mainly 170. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 57.77 up .59 from last week with the volume reported down 16 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices on deliveries this week into Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit were higher with Ohio too few to report from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment mostly steady. Offerings very light for a like demand. Movement into all channels slow to fair at best with limited features attracting best interest and fast food waning. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate, sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading quiet, offerings light. Supplies balanced with boneless/skinless breasts fully adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment steady to instances weak on boneless/skinless breasts, about steady on other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued to keep the bulk of offerings in good balance to closely cleared on the 3.0 and 3.5 pound sizes. 2.5 and 4.0 pound sizes were generally adequate. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were mostly 1 cent higher in a range of 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts remained tight. Other items were generally noted as adequate.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	46-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.87
NO. OF BOXES	10,239
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was moderate to fairly good over the weekend, with best interest noted on refill orders moving into the week. Supplies of bone-in breasts were irregular, and ranged adequate to instances short as dealers gauged approaching needs. Boneless-skinless breasts were about adequate to well cleared. Wings were closely balanced to tight and legs were no more than adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was mostly moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	171.67	569,500
TENDERLOINS	180-185	208.20	138,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	84.18	280,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	82.16	162,120
LEGS	35-36	38.65	308,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.42	515,567
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.21	150,190
THIGHS	27-28	34.77	142,770
B/S THIGHS	77-78	82.61	41,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	65.69	333,670
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	70,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.18	68,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.35	62,480

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	867	148.00-170.00	160	157.23
TENDERLOINS	138	210.00-241.00	210-215	218.50
BREAST - WITH RIBS	250	79.00-88.00	79	80.30
FRONT HALVES	360	68.00-81.00	73-78	76.88
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	979	20.00-26.00	23-25	24.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,004	23.00-26.00	25-26	25.16
WINGS (WHOLE)	NO TRADING REPORTED			
DRUMSTICKS	200	22.00-24.00	-	23.20
THIGHS	1,173	24.00-39.00	27	27.06

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/11	09/07	09/07	09/04	08/31
ALA	3,951	3,899	4.97	(A)	4.82
ARK	5,273	5,092	4.48	(A)	4.63
DELMARVA	2,405	2,389	5.03	(A)	5.00
KY-LA-TN	1,937	1,913	4.31	Holiday	4.19
MISS	2,757	2,843	5.07	(A)	4.94
NC	2,650	2,654	5.78	Holiday	5.66
TEXAS	2,287	2,224	4.58	(A)	4.50
TOTAL	21,260	21,014	4.87	4,088	4.82
MON	21,260(B)			4,088(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Sep 2000 is estimated to be 31,807,000 up 418.54 percent from a week ago and up 6.14 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 6,134,000, last year 29,968,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	437	175.00-225.00	175-180	176.61
TENDERLOINS	256	200.00-250.00	200-205	205.31
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVESTOO	FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	46	32.00-45.00	28-29	33.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	446	25.00-29.50	25.5-27	26.30
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,193	28.00-30.00	28-29	28.88
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	516	61.00-88.00	68-70	70.23
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	10	83.00	-	83.00

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.50 - 54.75	51.75	50.26

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO:

IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI
WEEK OF 11-SEP-2000 TO 15-SEP-2000, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	160.00 - 185.00	170.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	78.00 - 90.00	78.00 - 84.00
LEGS	30.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23.00 - 34.00	27.00 - 29.00
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	28.00 - 37.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	52.00 - 68.00	52.00 - 54.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-90
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	73
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-105
	ICE PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-111
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-165

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 08-SEP-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	FOB DOCK	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
		DELIVERED		FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	17.00-17.25	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.09				

304,000 pounds, this includes 104,000 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

FAT CONTENT	FOB DOCK	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
		DELIVERED		FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	15.00-17.00	17.50-21.00		18.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.22	18.20		18.00	17.00

828,000 pounds, this includes 248,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%
RANGE 13.00-17.00 - 12.50-15.00 14.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE 14.00 14.54 14.20
1,684,800 pounds, this includes 524,000 pounds for export shipment.
20% OR MORE
RANGE - - - 12.75
WTD AVERAGE 12.75
160,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.
* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-SEP-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-9.5	5-7	6.50

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 01-SEP-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	FOB DOCK	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
		DELIVERED		FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	-	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

FAT CONTENT	FOB DOCK	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
		DELIVERED		FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	-	-		12.00	-
WTD AVERAGE				12.00	

40,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%
RANGE 15.00 - 11.00-14.50 13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE 15.00 12.47 14.52
1,478,000 pounds, this includes 81,600 pounds for export shipment.
20% OR MORE
RANGE - - - -
WTD AVERAGE

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate for offerings that were fully sufficient for trade requirements. Supplies of finished product were clearing but reported as fully adequate for needs. The market tone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-SEP-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	1-9.75	2-6	4.71

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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